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Later Friday

Deal Allen,

Herewith I return the proofs on the R&H followup. Thanks.

Re: the national defense story. Knudson himself will make no exclsuive statement or sign an exclusive story. He has refused others. However, I have been given to understand that if you want to the following can be done:

I can get copies of the various statements and speeches, etc., that he has made. From them we can piece together a story, which I can illustrate from the Nat. Def. pix files. On this we can put his name, after submission to Nat. Def. people for okay. The question had he okay'ed this couldn't be answered immediately, so I asked to have him asked. If you want to do this let me know and I'll get you a complete file of the statements, etc. Of course, it'll be kind of a fake, but that's one way to get such a signed story.

Time is doing a story on the newsreel released by the Nat Def boys, Power for Defense. Brother Collyer, who is a very cooperative fellow, is having a summary made of the story "Pictures for Defense", which either he or Bob Horton, chief public-relations offider in the entire defense set-up, will sign. I spoke to Bob of this some time ago. I'll send the summary up as soon as I get it. If I don't send it to you tomorrow it'll probably be toward the end of next week, because Collyer said he might not be able to finish it before leaving town for about a week.

As I told you, Halifax is out of town until after the R&H story appears. With him is my contact. However, if anything can be done here after the thing comes out, I'll do it. In other directions progress is slow but nothing is wrong. It's just that people are busy, and there are some quarters in which I dont want to show anything until closer to release date.

By the way, add to the newspaper list either or all of the following at US Week: Marion Bacharach, Lee Huberman, Dick Boyer. All three are friends of mine, if you don't know them, and you can enclose a note if you want to.

You may have noticed that today A.G.Jackson took some action against I.G. I haven't had a chance to read the paper yet. I think he attached about $250,000 in licensing payments due today from American firms, which doesn't hurt us a bit.

You wont hear from me on the Agfa thing until after the R&H decks are cleared.

Yours

Harold